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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Linda L. Gray

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE three MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1-3-02
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
- ### Disposition of Claims
- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 143, 182-194, 196-200, 213-266, 269-283, 292-304, 267-268, 305-306 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 143, 182-194, 196-200, 213-266, 269-283, 292-304 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 267-268, 305-306 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 200
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Request for Continued Examination

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicants' submission filed on 1-3-02 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. **Claims 267-268 and 305-306 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Klein.**

Claims 267-268 and 306, Klein teaches providing individual laminate cardstock including liner sheet 90 including a sheet and ultraremovable adhesive 95 on the sheet and cardstock sheet 80 adhered to adhesive 95, cutting through sheet 80 to sheet 90 to form cardstock cut lines 200 defining at least in part perimeters of printable media, and cutting through an outer face of sheet 90 to sheet 80 to form liner-sheet cut lines 300 defining a plurality of liner strips on the back of the laminate cardstock. As shown in Figure 8, the cardstock is provided as a plurality of connected cardstocks fan folded. Klein teaches that the cardstock can be individual sheets or a continuous cardstock which is fanfolded at intervals of the sheets. The individual sheets or continuous cardstock are printed upon using automated equipment after cutting, and the individual sheets can be provided from the continuous cardstock. Klein teaches adhesive-receptive coating 125 on the sheet in contact with adhesive 95 (c 2, L 40, to c 4, L 15).

Further, each sheet includes more than one liner strip. The media are arranged on the sheet in a matrix form including a plurality of columns and rows. The media are rectangular business cards. The construction is feed through a printer for a printing operation on sheet 80 to print on the media to form printed media. After printing the media can be removed from the strips for use. The media can be removed from the strips by peeling. The media include individual, printed, and clean edged business cards. Lines 200 define the entire media perimeter.

Claim 305, lines 200 of Klein form a matrix of lateral and longitudinal cut lines.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 143, 182-194, 196-200, 213-231, 232-241, 242-248, 249, 250, 251-252, 253, 254-255, 256-261, 262-266, 269-275, 276-281, 282, 283, 292-294 and 295-304 are allowed.

5. As allowable subject matter has been indicated, Applicants' reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with, 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

Response to Arguments

6. In Klein the back surface of cardstock sheet 85 adhered to adhesive 95 forms the back side surface of the business cards as shown in Figures 4-5 with Figure 6.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Examiner Linda L. Gray at (703)308-1093, Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The necessary fax numbers are (703)305-7718 (official), (703)305-7115 (unofficial), and (703)305-3599 (after final).

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